(b) The details of foodgrains damaged during the last three years, are as under:—

(In '000' tonnes)

Year	Quantity of damaged foodgrains (Provisional)
1996-97	64.78
1997-98	75.69
1998-99	147.57

(c) The stocks of foodgrains procured on behalf of Government are done so by the FCI and managed by them for proper storage and preservation as per the guidelines laid down in the Quality Control Manual. These include:—

(i) Periodic maintenance of the godowns to avoid damage through leakage, flooding etc.,

(ii) Use of monofilament nets, cover tops, nylon ropes etc. to protect the LDPE covers used in the CAP storage to cover each stack.

(iii) Periodic turnover of stocks, timely segregation, salvaging/reconditioning of affected stocks and retrieving good stocks thus avoiding further damage/deterioration of the foodgrains.

Metro Railway Accidents in Calcutta

*58. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of accidents have been reported in Metro Railway in Calcutta recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) Number of consequential and non-consequential train accidents on Metro Railway during last two years is given below:—

Year	Consequential accidents	No. of non-consequential accidents	Total
1998-99	Nil	12	12
1999-2000 (till Nov. '99)	Nil	2	2

*Transliteration of the Speech in Persian Script is available in the Hindi version of the Debate.